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PEIPING DAILY REVEALS EXTENT OF MATERIAL AID
RECEIVED FROM SOVIET BLOC BY NORTH KOREA

[Summary: Information on the amounts and types of aid goods received by North Korea from the USSR, the People's Republic of China, and other Communist bloc countries was published in the Peiping daily, Kung-jen Jih-pao, 13 February-2 April 1954.]

SEVERAL HUNDRED CARLOADS OF AID GOODS DAILY -- Peiping, Kung-jen Jih-pao, 2 Apr 54

P'yongyang, 1 April (Hsin-hua) -- The Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China, and other democratic countries are sending more and more goods to North Korea. Several hundred carloads of goods are arriving daily in North Korea to help the reconstruction of that country.

From mid-January to mid-February 1954, the friendly countries sent over 100 new machines, over 30 types of equipment used for reconstruction, and a large supply of daily necessities. By the end of February, the Soviet Union had sent a still larger quantity of valuable machines, equipment, and materials, including many new-type machine tools, cranes, automobiles, lathes, rock drills, tractors, railroad equipment, electric apparatus, medical supplies and drugs, and several hundred kinds of electric signal equipment. The Soviet Union also sent many horses, and many more are on the way.

As of 5 March 1954, the People's Republic of China had sent 18,900 carloads of consumer goods and building materials composed of nearly 5,000 items. These items included cement, glass-making materials, coal, railroad ties, cars, chemicals for farm use, cotton, silk, and wool fabrics, shoes, hosiery, towels, tobacco, and cultural materials.

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The German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, and the Mongolian People's Republic have sent machine tools, high-speed lathes, electric drills, transportation equipment, and a quantity of medical supplies and drugs, fabrics, clothings, other consumer goods, horses, etc.

The aid from friendly countries has sharply stimulated the progress of reconstruction in North Korea. For example, lumber mills have increased their efficiency tenfold or more by using electric saws sent from the Soviet Union. The lumber mill workers contemplate a 50 percent increase in output over last year.

AID GOODS INCLUDE HEAVY MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT -- Peiping, Kung-jen Jih-pao, 13 Feb 53

P'yongyang, 12 February (Hsin-hua) -- According to incomplete data, the Soviet Union, as of 20 January 1954, had sent over 1,200 carloads of goods including many machine tools, lathes, rock drills, railroad cranes, steel materials, iron plates, rails, electric appliances, chemical fertilizers, horses, and cultural materials.

As of the end of 1953, the People's Republic of China had sent 70 locomotives, over 100 passenger and freight cars, a large supply of building materials, fuel, glass, and all sorts of consumer goods and cultural materials. Some 8,300 tons of cement was also sent to North Korea.

During January 1954, the German Democratic Republic sent 4 tractors, 5 crates of seeding machines, 8 crates of farm tools, 38 crates of optical instruments and drugs, over 30,000 blankets, and a large quantity of clothings, shoes, and hosiery.

Czechoslovakia sent 12 industrial machines and 2 crates of optical instruments and drugs, etc. Bulgaria sent 136 crates of woven goods, while the Mongolian People's Republic shipped a large stock of domestic animals and meats.

The government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has been distributing these aid goods to factories, mines, railroads, etc., as rapidly as they are received, in order to hasten economic rehabilitation. For example, the industries in Chagang-do have received over 100 tons of processed steel, lathes, and rock drills sent from the Soviet Union. The Kimch'ak Ironworks also received machine tools, lathes, processed steel, and electric appliances sent by the Soviet Union. The Kimch'ak Ironworks also received a large supply of "high-temperature" fuel shipped by the People's Republic of China. A building materials factory began producing cement on a large scale after receiving 10,000 tons of "high-temperature" fuel from the Chinese republic.

In Hamhung the communication facilities have increased to twofold [since the Korean war] and they will continue grow to about threefold. Large quantities of aid materials are put into use by the major railroad lines under the jurisdiction of the railroad administration bureaus of P'yongyang, Hungnam, and Ch'ongjin. Already, eight railroad cranes and numerous automatic lathes are in use in the railroad shops. The high-power locomotives contributed by the friendly nations and those locomotives originally in Korea are in operation day and night to distribute aid goods throughout North Korea.

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CHINESE FURNISH EQUIPMENT FOR CERAMIC FACTORY -- Peiping, Kung-jen Jih-pao,
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P'yongyang, 15 February (Hsin-hua) -- The Chinese Communists have furnished the equipment, including a large press machine, for a ceramic factory which is under construction at Sinuiju. The installation of the equipment is expected to be completed and operations will begin in April 1954.

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